

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
December 20th, 2020, 2:00pm
Online via Zoom

Meeting call to order – DCM Blair A. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, with the Serenity Prayer.

Approval of Agenda – a motion to approve the agenda was made by Foster L. and seconded by Beth P.

The 12 Traditions - were read by Mike H.

Interpretation of Concept 12 – not presented at the meeting.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Tradition One for January 2021 – Michael A.

7th Tradition – was not collected.

Roll Call/Group Reports

Blair A. - DCM for District 2

Foster L – District 2 Treasurer

Michael A. – Acting GSR Keep it Simple

Beth P. – District 2 Secretary

Chris V- incoming District 2 Treasurer

Bob R – GSR Early Risers (resigning as GSR effective this meeting)

Louis M – GSR Cole Harbour Group

Mike H – Central Service Chair

Approval of previous months minutes – Approved by Michael A. and seconded by Foster L.
All in favor.

Secretary Report – I have a recording device and a printer to pass along to the incoming secretary. Blair will pick up this equipment in the new year.

Treasurers Report

December 2020

All funds on hand have been deposited and debits and credits for the year are balanced to the bank records. Revenue from group contributions and 7th tradition was \$1254.69 below budget which is understandable given we have had few in-person meetings. We have finished the year with \$2179.19 in the bank, all attributed to our 2019 carry-over. Our expenses were below budget but \$692.81 greater than revenue. This is all attributed to a \$1500.00 contribution to GSO. It is my intention to work with the incoming Treasurer on a draft 2021 budget that can be presented at the January meeting and I will ensure a full accounting of 2020 revenue and expenses is also provided in January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank District 2 for allowing me to sit in service to the fellowship; it was a quick 2 years. I thank Blair, Shayne, Nancy, and Beth for their service and all the GSR's who represented their groups. I wish you all the best in service over the next two-year term.

Yours in service,

Foster L. Treasurer, District 2

December 2020 Transactions	
\$2201.22 opening balance	\$154.00 revenue
\$176.03 expenses	\$2179.19 Closing Balance

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report - February Workshop will be led by Michael A and he has proposed to present the Telephone Committee again.

DCM District 2 Report

December 20, 2020

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service Meeting, Area 82 DCM Meeting, and District 2 Workshop on the Telephone Committee. I have been researching and discussing whether the PI, CPC, Treatment, and Corrections Committees should report to Central Service or the Districts to best serve AA. A notice of motion was passed with recommendations regarding the revision of the Literature Committee guidelines and a vote will take place at the January Central Service meeting. Gil was elected as the new Hospital Visitation Chair and Sharman was elected as the new Treatment Chair. Many positions remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of the Sub committees. Central Service is also in need of a Secretary for a one-year term. If current sub-committee chair positions have no co-chair to step up to continue the service of their sub-committee, AA Halifax's link to individuals outside of AA will fail. Responsibilities will fall upon a few, and it will not be sustainable for very long.

I enjoyed attending the Central Service meeting and heard how District 1 & 2 are involved with carrying the message to current and potential members of AA. All the committees are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the COVID-19 pandemic. PI and CPC held an in-person presentation at the Maritime Business College. Meetings at Detox and Corrections are cancelled. Hospital Visitations was able to do some face-to-face visits but are back to offering Zoom meetings or phone calls. The Help Email was slow with only three new inquiries last month. The Telephone Committee reported the telephones are running smoothly. The Webmaster was busy rebuilding the website after it was hacked, resetting all passwords, and updating meeting changes. When your group starts to hold in person meetings or making changes to their zoom meetings please remember to notify the Webmaster and Newsletter Committee.

Literature sold \$445 in books in November, purchased a new tablet, and has a sale on Grapevine books for \$15 in December. The Newsletter is always looking for content from individuals, groups, or committees. Entertainment has no activities planned due to the restrictions on social gatherings. The Ad-Hoc Technology Committee reported on the benefits of the Literature Committee utilizing Square since February. The virtual "No Matter What" 2021 Mid-Winter Roundup on February 13 & 14 are in the process of tightening up the itinerary and are looking for volunteers to sign up for positions of entertainment.

The updated Area 82 Financials have been distributed and I encourage you to discuss with your group. The 2020 Financials and 2021 Budget were discussed at the Area 82 DCM Meeting and groups are encouraged to not make contributions to Area 82 for the next six months. Groups with excess funds are encouraged to contribute to GSO and/or their District as necessary. The executive of Area 82 made the decision to hire a Webmaster for 6 months at a cost of \$500. The new Area 82 Sub Committee Chair positions were discussed, and they will be elected at the Assembly in May. Here is a list of upcoming Area 82 meetings:

- March 17th, 2021- DCM and Area officer meeting
- March 27th, 2021- Area 82 Pre-conference meeting
- May 19th, 2021- DCM and Area officer meeting
- May 28th- 30th, 2021- Area 82 Spring Assembly

The absence of an Alternate DCM for the past year has made the role of DCM a little more challenging. The commitment and dedication of Foster and Beth to District 2 has made my transition to DCM much easier. I am looking forward to working with the new executive and GSR's of District 2 during the next two years. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the role of GSR in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Service

Blair A
DCM District 2
Area 82

Foster asked about excess funds being sent to GSO is this an Area decision? Yes, this is area –

decision. Foster believes we should keep in mind that we should do this with group budgets in future.

Michael A. asked do we help groups who are struggling financially. Foster says, "This was our thinking by adding \$700 in Outreach in our budget." No group has accessed this in 2020. We do not get these folks at this table, so the question was asked how we would know that they are in financial trouble. Bob R "each group is responsible for itself and this is against the Traditions.

Blair says let us wait until we get this type of request. Foster says why do not we table this for our budget discussions in 2021. Chris V. says perhaps we should be reaching out to groups to determine revenue for next year and their financial position. Foster says self-support is helping one another and he does not see this as a breach of tradition.

Central Service Report - Mike H Central Service Chair

Dec 12, 2020 Districts 1 and 2 Area 82

Central Service's November meeting had 20 people attend.

The month of November/December has been challenged, with the website being hacked, the current rebuilds continues, resetting of all passwords, and now the reversions of face-to-face meetings going back to Zoom then back to face to face due to increased/decreased covid-19 risk mitigation protocols of the NS Government. This is the new norm. One which has shown that the importance of our website's accuracy is paramount to continue being a point of contact for the still suffering alcoholic, and anyone in recovery that wants a meeting.

Executive Secretary position is currently available for service rotation.

PI has a new Chair for rotation in January.

Phones has a new Chair for rotation in January.

Hospital Visitation has a new Chair for rotation in January.

All other sub-committee positions require service volunteers.

The rotation for Webmaster is due in January. The last month has proven that this position is important for the communication of Districts 1 and 2 AA functions. It not only provides critical recovery information for our area members, but also with Zoom, it is a place where global members find our meetings. If you could take back to your groups a request for someone to take over these duties, who is comfortable in the IT world, it would be appreciated. Current webmaster has been in the position for 4 years and is stepping down. But will train the incoming until comfortable.

A notice of Motion for Literature SOP changes has gone to groups for group conscience.

Mid Winter Round Up continues to meet, and we are tightening up the itinerary for the conference in February. Flyer is in the Newsletter. The group is still looking for volunteers to sign up for positions of entertainment. We are now filling in finer detail - who is doing what when.

On the website Central Service Minutes were originally archived back to 2017, we have found the old suppository, and now, online under Central Service Minutes, the history goes back to 2009. Yours in service,

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

Approval of Reports – A motion was made by Foster L. and seconded by Beth P. to adopt all reports as given. All in favor.

Visitors with District related business - None

Old Business

- a. Central Service Elections – They need a lot of Chairs, co-chairs, and a secretary. Elections to continue on Zoom as part of the CS Meeting for the foreseeable future.
- b. District 2 Elections – in need of a Secretary. Beth P will stay on as long as we meet on Zoom. Michael A may have someone in mind and will follow up.
- c. Group Forms – Blair will reach out via email for information to District members who need to get info to GSO.

New Business

- a. Area 82 Update – nothing further to DCM report. Further discussions were held on the 8 new Area 82 sub-committees' chairs – elections will be held at the Assembly in May 2021. Area 82 has outsourced their webmaster position for 6 months as a trial.
- b. Motion for New Signing Officers – a discussion on what is required at the bank to change signing officers. Foster says phone the bank and they will tell you what is required.
- c. District 2 Meetings in 2021 – do we want to stay on Zoom or return to the in-person format for District Meetings. January will be on Zoom.
- d. Interpretation of Concepts or Traditions for 2021 (added item) – Traditions in 2021 and Michael will take Tradition 1 for January 2021.

Announcements – none

The Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be January 17th, 2020 at 2:00pm